ABSTRACT

Computing postage based on the approximate weight of a parcel derived from the measured thickness of the parcel. A postage computing system that includes a thickness gauge positioned to measure the thickness of a parcel, a postage meter positioned to apply postage to the parcel and a computer electronically connected to the thickness gauge and the postage meter. The computer is configured to access weight data for parcel media and packaging, compute the weight of the parcel based on thickness data received from the thickness gauge, access postal rates according to parcel weight, compute postage for the parcel and transmit the postage to the postage meter.

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